

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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1. (Currently amended) A method for determining amounts of cholesterol in a first lipoprotein fraction and a second lipoprotein fraction, which are two different lipoprotein fractions present in a sample, comprising the following steps, in the following order:

(a) ~~contacting a first lipoprotein fraction in~~ adding into the sample with a complex-forming agent, which forms a complex with the ~~to form a complex of said first lipoprotein fraction but not with the second lipoprotein fraction with the complex-forming agent,~~ wherein the complex is not a substrate for cholesterol esterase;

(b) measuring the amount of cholesterol associated with a the second lipoprotein fraction present in the sample, ~~to obtain a first cholesterol value;~~

(c) dissociating the first lipoprotein fraction from the complex-forming agent;
and,

(d) measuring the total amount of cholesterol present in the sample, and determining the amount of cholesterol in the first lipoprotein fraction present in the sample by subtracting the ~~first cholesterol value~~ amount of cholesterol associated with the second lipoprotein fraction present in the sample from the total amount of cholesterol present in the sample, ~~thus determining the amount of cholesterol in the first and second lipoprotein fractions present in the sample.~~

2. (Previously presented) A method of claim 1, wherein the complex of step (a) is not a substrate for cholesterol oxidase.

3. (Previously presented) A method of claim 1, wherein the complex of step (a) is not a substrate for cholesterol dehydrogenase.